**Annex 4 – Application to serve on the WGWAP 2015-2016**

**APPLICATION PROCESS AND CLOSING DATE**

This form and supporting materials must be submitted in English and received by IUCN by email no **later than 23:59 (11:59pm) Swiss time (UTC/GMT+1 hour) on 20th August 2015.**

Applications and requests for further information should be sent by email to:

Ms Anete Berzina

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
E-mail: anete.berzina@iucn.org

**Late Applications**

Applicants are responsible for submitting their Applications prior to the closing date and time. Any Application received by IUCN later than the stipulated closing date and time will not be considered

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

**Selection and contracting**

In accordance with the *IUCN Procedures for Establishing and Managing IUCN-supported Independent Scientific & Technical Advisory Panels* (ISTAP, see Annex 5):

* Selection of Panel members: The Panel Co-chairs together with the Director General, will lead the process of selecting the Panel members. The Director General and Panel Co-chairs may co-opt a small team from the IUCN Secretariat and Commissions to assist in the selection process (4.3.6);
* Establishing consultancy contracts with each Panel member, in accordance with IUCN’s *Policy and Procedure on Procurement of Goods and Services*: A daily honorarium should be established for the Panel (each member should receive the same honorarium, with a slightly higher honorarium for the Chair). Each member of the Panel should be informed about the applicability and contents of IUCN’s *Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics* (4.3.7).

**Remuneration and time commitment**

All Panel members are compensated at a rate of 600 USD/day. All travel and subsistence costs are covered by IUCN.

Based on previous years, the time commitment of individual members can range between 10 and 40 days over a 15-month period (depending on the tasks assigned to each individual). In total, it is expected that up to 5-6 meetings (Full Panel and Task Forces) will be convened between October 2015 and December 2016.

**Dates of scheduled meetings (venue to be confirmed)**

The next Noise Task Force meeting (NTF-9) is planned for 18-20 November 2015 and the next Full Panel meeting (WGWAP-16) is planned for 22-24 November 2015 (with on-site presence up to 8 days maximum in total, depending on expertise and assigned tasks for each expert).

**WGWAP working language**

The working language of the WGWAP is English. The knowledge of Russian is an advantage. Simultaneous or consecutive interpretation from English to Russian and Russian to English are usually provided during the Full Panel and Task Force meetings, as necessary. An additional knowledge of written Russian is an asset, for example but not limited to, reading and comprehension of written documents, in cases when English versions may not be available.

**APPLICATION FORM TO SERVE ON THE WGWAP 2015-2016**

Fill in the form in English and attached supporting materials

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| Mr/Mrs/Ms |  |
| Full name |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Work Address |  |
| Country |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Phone |  |

**SECTION A: Specific Expertise**

Indicate your Principal Expertise (one only, use the letter P) any Additional Expertise (as many as relevant, use the letter A). Leave blank those that are not applicable.

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| **Area of expertise** | **P, A or blank** |
| Bio-acoustics (including modelling) |   |
| Population assessment, statistics and modelling |   |
| Feeding ecology of gray whales and other baleen whales |  |
| General biology including reproduction, migration and behaviour |  |
| Environmental monitoring and benthic ecology |   |
| Oil spill preparedness and response |  |
| Response of marine mammals to disturbance (including cumulative and synergistic effects) such as chronic and acute sound, development and vessel traffic |  |
| Conflicts between fisheries and marine mammals |   |
| Experience with mitigation measures, especially but not exclusively with respect to oil and gas activities |  |
| Experience in interpretation of IFC Performance Standards, especially PS1 & PS6 ([www.ifc.org/PerformanceStandards](http://www.ifc.org/PerformanceStandards))  |   |

**SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY**

Mark acceptance of each with an ‘X’

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|  **I agree that:**  | **Use ‘X’** |
| I am available to allocate sufficient time for Panel work (see note on cover page) |  |
| I do not have a conflict of interest (including have not been employed by or under contract to Sakhalin Energy or any other company operating off Sakhalin during the past 12 months)  |  |
| I will not impose any additional conditions on my participation |  |
| I am able and willing to serve and provide the best scientific advice, irrespective of views that may be held by my own organization  |  |
| I am available to participate in the next Noise Task Force meeting (NTF-9) and the next Full Panel meeting (WGWAP-16), which will be held between 18-24 November 2015 (with on-site presence up to 8 days maximum in total, with exact venue and attendance requirement for each expert to be confirmed, depending on expertise and assigned tasks for each expert) |  |

 **SECTION C: REFERENCES**

Please provide 3 references (names, positions and relationship to your work).

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| **Referee 1** |
| Name |  |
| Position |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Relationship to your work |  |
| **Referee 2** |
| Name |  |
| Position |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Relationship to your work |  |
| **Referee 3** |
| Name |  |
| Position |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Relationship to your work |  |

**SECTION D: CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

* Please provide a very brief written summary of why you believe that you can contribute to the Panel (no more than one page).
* This should cover (where applicable): you experience studying gray whales; experience in translating scientific information into practical mitigation and management advice; ability to work well as part of a team, under time constraints and in a scientific workshop environment; ability to write and edit scientific material in English; knowledge of and familiarity with the region (Sakhalin, Sea of Okhotsk etc.); and knowledge of relevant Russian fora.

**SECTION E: CURRICULUM VITAE AND PUBLICATIONS**

Please attach a short CV focusing on your recent (last 10 years) of relevant experience, education and a short list of your key publications *relevant to this application.*